

March 2022	6th March Lent 1	13th March Lent 2	20th March Lent 3	27th March Lent 4 Mothering Sunday
Athelington				
Denham				11am EG CW Holy Communion
Horham			11.15am EG BCP Holy Communion	
Hoxne	9.30am JM BCP Holy Communion	9.30am EG Café Church	9.30am EG CW Holy Communion	4pm EG All-age service * see below
Redlingfield		9.30am RC CW Holy Communion		
Syleham	4pm Messy Church Syleham village hall ML + team		10am ML Village Service	9.30am EG BCP Holy Communion
Wingfield	11am JM CW Holy Communion		6pm JM Evensong on Zoom - see below	

Wednesday 2nd March, Ash Wednesday Holy Communion and ashing, 7pm, Hoxne

* Hoxne's 4th Sunday Matins is cancelled as so many are expecting to be away.

Online Services

Every Saturday and Sunday: Morning Prayer on facebook.com/WingfieldChurch, 8am

Every Friday: Compline on Zoom at 6pm, **(in person as well as on Zoom in Lent)**

For an invitation to Zoom services, please email eleanor.goodison@gmail.com

Some church services also live streamed/uploaded to facebook.com/WingfieldChurch.

On the rotas....

EG - Revd Eleanor Goodison JM - Revd John McCracken JS - John Swann

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March 2022 News

The
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 of
 Lent



Arrows of desire

'Bring me my arrows of desire' says William Blake in his poem - which is best known as the hymn 'Jerusalem'. In it he envisages a better world and the struggle to bring it about, described poetically as building Jerusalem in England. Blake draws on ideas of metaphorical battle or 'mental fight' and mentions his 'bow of burning gold', his spear and his 'chariot of fire', reminiscent of the chariot of fire which took away Elijah, as well as his arrows of desire.

There is another writer who refers to 'arrows of desire', or something very similar. That is the anonymous mystic who wrote the medieval book about contemplative prayer called The Cloud of Unknowing. In it the author describes entering a cloud where all earthly concerns are forgotten. This cloud comes between the contemplative and God. 'Beat evermore on this cloud of unknowing that is between you and your God with a sharp dart of longing love', he says. And later he says, 'It is not what you are or what you have been that God sees with his merciful eyes, but what you want to be'.

Where are our 'arrows of desire' directed? Is it towards building Jerusalem in England's green and pleasant land? Are we prepared for 'mental fight'? Are we sending darts of longing love towards God? And what do we want to be? These are questions for us to think about as we enter the season of Lent.

Revd Eleanor Goodison

Revd Eleanor usually works Friday to Monday and is available for urgent matters on Tuesday and Wednesday. Thursday is her day off. Messages received Thursday will normally be dealt with Friday.

Revd Eleanor and Revd John will be away for the week beginning 21st March

If you need help or just want to chat, please contact us:

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MARCH 2022

Tuesday 1st

(and each first Tuesday)

Coffee & Cake Drop-in café at the village hall in Syleham, 10-11.30am. Come with a friend or on your own for a friendly chat or to browse magazines and books.

Wednesday 2nd

Coffee morning at Redlingfield church, 10am to 12 noon. Featuring Hazel's baking, of course.



Also Wednesday 2nd

Ash Wednesday Lent begins with our Ash Wednesday service for the Hoxne benefice, Holy Communion with ashing at 7pm at Hoxne church. If you prefer a morning service, Revd Susan Loxton is offering one at 10.30am at Weybread church.

Friday evening Compline during Lent will be in person at Wingfield as well as on Zoom. 6pm each Friday evening.

Sunday 6th

Messy Church, 4pm at Syleham village hall, when we find out why Jesus' parents thought they had lost him! Messy Church continues to be popular, with varied creative sessions.

Tuesdays 8th, 15th, 29th

Lent Book Club There will be no Bible Study sessions in March. Instead we will be meeting as a Lent Book Club. We are aiming to combine a face to face meeting with a Zoom meeting to allow everyone to join in as suits them best.

Meetings will be at 7.30 pm, in the De La Pole Arms in Wingfield for those who can make it in person. We will be discussing the following books from a Christian perspective:

8th March: *Klara and the Sun* by Kazuo Ishiguro **15th March:** *The Promise* by Damon Galgut **29th March:** *Light Perpetual* by Francis Spufford.

For further information, advance notice of questions to think about and a Zoom invitation, please contact Revd Eleanor.

Sunday 13th

Friends of Hoxne church spring lunch, 12.30 for 1pm. £12 per head, £6 for under 12s. Hoxne village hall. Contact Caroline on 01379 668359.

Tuesday 15th

Coffee morning at Wingfield Barns. 10am-12 noon. All welcome.

Saturday 19th (and each third Saturday)

Friends of Hoxne church coffee morning and book sale. 9.45am to 11.15am in the church. All welcome.

Monday 21st

MU Fellowship Group, 2.30pm at Time House, Hoxne.

Tuesday 29th

Redlingfield churchyard tidy-up, 6pm.

Thursday 31st Deanery Synod will meet at 7pm at Fressingfield Church, discussing engagement with our wider communities, the sharing of practical experiences and a quick update on our shelved deanery reorganisation. Everyone welcome.

Email Virginia, to receive this by email, on hoxnebeneficeoffice@gmail.com

Looking ahead.....

Saturday 2nd April 10am to 12 noon, coffee morning at Syleham and Wingfield Village Hall in aid of St Andrew's Church, Wingfield. Cake stall, cd/dvd/book stall and saleable second hand men's/women's clothes rail with shoes and handbags too. Raffle.

Tuesday 5th April

A parent, baby and toddler fun time is being launched from 1.15 to 3.15pm at The Pavilion, Hoxne Playing Fields. All under 5s are welcome with a responsible adult. Initially, the sessions will be held on the first Tuesday of each month, but may increase if there is a demand. Come along and meet old and new friends. Children can join in games, play, enjoy singing and story time and just have fun. It will be an opportunity for parents and carers to meet, chat and have tea with others from the village (and surrounding villages). This initiative is being set up by members of the Mother's Union and the churches in the benefice.

Messy Church On Easter Sunday (17th April) we plan an exciting Easter Egg hunt in J's Meadow (opposite Syleham's village hall) starting at 4pm; Messy Church members will be reminded by WhatsApp nearer the time.

For older children... Club Create is really taking off with fun workshops planned for school holidays and half-term weeks. We made pizzas and brownies during February half-term and are planning a drama workshop during the Easter holidays. There is a WhatsApp group for this, too. Enquiries to Revd Eleanor.

Sunday 24th April

Concert at Wingfield Church

Music from the Fairest Isle II, 5pm at St Andrew's Church, Wingfield. 1600 to 1750, John Dowland, Orlando Gibbons, Henry Purcell, George Friedrich Handel and others with Melanie Mehta—soprano, Peter Demetriadi—harpsichord/organ, Caroline Abbott—mezzo soprano and the Wingfield Choir. Just turn up on the night. Donations welcome—(suggested £10 pp, students £5 and under 13s free) - includes wine. Raising funds for church maintenance and repairs to tower and roof.

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Half term pizzas